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Join Your Fellow Americans in Celebrating FLAG DAY ON JUNE 14



The City of Marietta encourages you to join your fellow citizens in celebrating Flag Day this June 14.

Historians credit B.J. Cigrand, a school-teacher in Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School District 6, with originating the idea of celebrating the “birthday” of the U.S. flag. In 1885, he arranged for pupils in his district to celebrate the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes, which took place on June 14, 1777.

In the years that followed, Cigrand continued urging people to observe June 14 as “Flag Birthday” or “Flag Day” in speeches, newspaper stories, and magazine offices. Other educators soon adopted the idea. On June 14, 1889, New York City kindergarten teacher George Balch planned Flag Day festivities for students in his school. The New York State Board of Education took notice of the event and adopted the idea of observing Flag Day, as well.

Two years later, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia also hosted a Flag Day celebration. The New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution did likewise on June 14, 1892.

A year later, the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America passed a resolution requesting the Philadelphia’s mayor, other government officials, and all private citizens display the U.S. flag on June 14. The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action. Shortly thereafter, Philadelphia’s Superintendent of Public Schools, Edward Brooks, directed schools to schedule Flag Day activities on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square.

In 1894, New York’s governor directed that all public buildings display the flag on June 14. That same year, the American Flag Day Association led by Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn arranged Chicago’s first general public school children’s celebration of Flag

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What the Government is Doing to Secure Online Life

The Federal Trade Commission recently posted a Web site dedicated to helping home computer-users keep their systems speedy and their personal information safe.

This link, <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/infosecurity/>, introduces Dewie the Turtle, the FTC’s very own mascot who represents the government’s latest efforts to treat cyber crimes the same as physical crimes.

Dewie equips the consumer with defensive strategy, primarily running virus software, installing firewalls, and choosing strong passwords for optimum safety. The site offers several online security resources, pages in

Spanish, and links that will connect you to useful information including:

- Dial-up risks
- Making e-payments safely
- Breaking chain e-mail
- 12 scams most likely to arrive via bulk e-mail
- What to do if your identity is stolen
- Protecting kids online

Securing your computer is primarily routine maintenance. By using strong passwords, installing personal firewalls, and regularly running updated virus software you can go a long way toward protecting your computer, your information, and your peace of mind. ⚡



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Farmer's Market to Open in Downtown Marietta



Local merchant and Downtown Business Association member Johnny Fulmer recently announced that a new Farmer's Market would soon open in the parking lot at the corner of Church and Hansell Streets in downtown Marietta.

"Marietta has been without a farmer's market for several years," said Fulmer, "and we keep hearing that everybody wants one."

Mary Beth Martin will serve as coordinator for the market, which will make homegrown vegetables, fresh fruit, beautiful garden flowers, homemade desserts, and many other tasty treats available to Marietta residents every Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Local vendors interested in selling their produce should contact Martin at (770) 514-9508. She says they want to be certain the market offers a wide variety of produce, not a lot of the same thing. ⚡

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Day. More than 300,000 children participated in the festivities, which took place in the Windy City's Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks.

Before long, adults also began participating in patriotic Flag Day programs. In 1914, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane gave a Flag Day speech that included words he attributed to the flag itself: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Finally, the decades of state and local Flag Day celebrations inspired national leaders to take action. On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially designated June 14 as Flag Day for the entire nation. Thirty-three years later, Congress passed legislation that established June 14 of each year as National Flag Day. President Harry S. Truman then signed the bill into law on August 3, 1949. ⚡

Calendar of Events

May 19

Marietta-Metro Rotary Children's Charity Golf Tournament
Marietta Country Club
Call 678-355-3109 for information about the tournament, the charity, or the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro

May 29

Brown Bag Concert Series
Marietta Square
12 noon - 1 p.m.

May 30 - June 28

"On Golden Pond" By Cobb Players
Call 770-565-3995 for information

May 30

Glover Park Concert Series
Marietta Square
8 p.m.
Call 770-794-5601 for information

May 31 - June 28

"Alice in Wonderland" By Little General Players
Call 770-565-3995 for information

June 6-7

Gone With the Wind Weekend Extravaganza
Call 770-794-5145 for information

Now through June 15

"Mahalia" By Tom Stolz.
Theatre In The Square
Call 770-422-8369 for information

June 7

Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest
Jim Miller Park
Call 770-955-6446 for information

June 13-15

BMX Dixieland Nationals
Jim Miller Park
Call 770-973-6435 for information

June 21-22

Rodeo
Jim Miller Park
Marietta. 8 p.m.
Call 770-419-9234 for information

June 27

Glover Park Concert Series
Marietta Square
8 p.m.
Call 770-794-5601 for information